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Fall harvest is underway throughout the state across many sectors - from chopping corn to harvesting grapes in our vineyards. Address farm safety protocols with employees to prevent injury, illness, or death. The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety has resources available at necasag.org.

CLICK HERE FOR COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES FOR YOUR FARM AND EMPLOYEES
Celebrate Fall Harvest Season  
Shop for Connecticut Grown Products

While you might be missing the apple cider donut or bison burger that you would indulge in at your local agricultural fair, you can find all of that and more at farm stands and farmers’ markets throughout the state. As Labor Day weekend approaches, heralding the unofficial end of summer for many, now is the time to make plans to visit a farm with your family and friends. Fall is known as harvest season, and for good reason – Connecticut’s farmers are producing and harvesting fresh, nutritious, and abundant supplies of local food and farm products for you to consume and enjoy.

“Take a moment to recognize the importance and contribution of agriculture,” said Bryan P. Hurlburt, Agriculture Commissioner. “There is so much in season now – buy local fresh products, go pumpkin or apple picking, visit a corn maze – celebrate and support local farms. Farms have set themselves up to be wonderful activities during the pandemic; you can be outside, remain socially distant, pick up really great products, and support your local businesses.”

There are many ways you can participate – seek out a new farmers’ market, agritourism activity, or farm stand. You can even order online and have items delivered to your door. Orchards are ripe with apples, peaches, and pears ready for a pick your own excursion. A wide variety of vegetables are cropping up, including beans and beets, carrots and cauliflower, tomatoes and turnips, and many others in between.

While you are out and about, don’t forget to pick up local eggs, milk, butter, meat, and seafood. Put it all together for a delicious weekend cookout and enjoy with a glass of Connecticut farm wine. Find a farm stand, winery, or market at www.CTGrownMap.com. Check out our Pinterest page for some great, and tasty, recipes to make with these Connecticut Grown products.

COVID-19 Resources for Agricultural Producers
Celebrate Fall Harvest Season with Connecticut Grown

Connecticut Grown Farm Map: online, interactive listing of open farm stands, farm stores and farmers' markets to access Connecticut Grown produce, dairy, meat, shellfish, greenhouse and nursery stock.

COVID-19 PRODUCER RESOURCES
Find the latest guidance on best practices, resources and updates related to COVID-19 visit: https://portal.ct.gov/doag-covid

List your farm, farmers' market or farm stand on CTGrownMap.com by clicking here.

COVID-19 Farmers' Market Guidance available here.
COVID-19 Farm Store & Store Guidance available here.
COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events available here.

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS
Pick your own apples at these 3 CT orchards, 9/1, CT Insider
'Celebrating Agriculture' celebrates 20th anniversary; Gov. Lamont to make remarks, 9/1, Fox61
Connecticut Announces Fall Foliage Forecast and Seasonal Experiences, 9/2, PR Newswire
In a World Without Ag Fairs, Still There Is Thorncrest Farm, 9/2, TriCorner News
Celebrating Agriculture on the WINY Morning Show, 9/3, WINY Radio
SEPTEMBER 1 PROCLAIMED CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE DAY

The Celebrating Agriculture 20th Anniversary Kick-Off Event was held at Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm in Sterling on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, jump-starting a month long celebration, which will go through September 26. Rick and Katie Hermonot of Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm hosted the event, which was attended by Governor Ned Lamont, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Department of Agriculture Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, and many local elected officials. Governor Lamont proclaimed September 1st as Celebrating Agriculture Day.

With the traditional Celebrating Agriculture Day at the Woodstock Fairgrounds canceled due to the ongoing pandemic, the event has been modified to a virtual format. This year, participants are invited to submit agriculture related videos, including farms tours, appreciation, and recipes. Videos and other information will be shared throughout the month on the Celebrating Agriculture Facebook and YouTube pages.

For more information on the 20th Anniversary of Celebrating Agriculture, you can visit the Celebrating Agriculture Facebook page or go to celebratingagriculture.org.
Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, September 20-26, 2020, has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. The theme for National Farm Safety and Health Week 2020 is “Every Farmer Counts”. This theme is one that reminds us that it is in everyone’s best interest to prioritize the health and safety of those who work so hard to provide our abundant supply of food, fiber, and fuel. Along with the theme for the week, the daily topics of focus are:

- Monday, 9/21: Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety
- Tuesday, 9/22: Overall Farmer Health
- Wednesday, 9/23: Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture
- Thursday, 9/24: Emergency Preparedness in Agriculture
- Friday, 9/25: Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

Please visit www.necasag.org for further information, resources, and webinars related to this year’s campaign.

CONNECTICUT FOOD SYSTEM ALLIANCE: DESIGNING RESILIENCE FOR FOOD & FARMING IN CONNECTICUT

Join the Connecticut Food System Alliance (CFSA) for Designing Resilience for Food & Farming in Connecticut: A Virtual Series to Collectively Shape the Future of Growing & Eating in Our State. They have four unique, but interrelated, sessions coming up in September and October with discussions shaped by their collective experiences. Join CFSA for one or all sessions. Here’s what’s in store:

- Successful Food Supply Chain Adaptations & Sustainability, Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10 am.
- Assets & Gaps: What Do We Have and What Do We Need?, Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 1 pm.
- Funding & Policy: Building Long-Term Systemic Solutions, Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10 am.
- Actionable Steps Toward the Future of Food and Farming, Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6 pm.

Visit https://ctfoodsystemalliance.com/virtual-summit-2020/ for registration links and important details about each session.

2020 ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE PROGRAM GRANT

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is applying for the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP) Grant from the USDA Farm Service Agency. Through this grant, Connecticut certified organic growers and processors can
The program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

**NEW this year:** the amount reimbursed will be 50%, up to $500, of the certification cost paid between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2020. To apply, please visit the DoAg website for required materials. Completed applications are to be submitted electronically by October 15, 2020, to Amanda.King@ct.gov.

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**DON'T MISS OUT**

USDA is accepting Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) applications now through September 11, 2020. Producers should apply through the Farm Service Agency at their local USDA Service Center. Learn more at farmers.gov/cfap.

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**Ag Market Pricing**

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT

Northeast Regional Eggs

New England Shell Eggs

Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary

New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

New Holland, PA Hay Report

Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston

Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston
### Advertisements

#### For Sale

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut’s first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal’s Power Fence 860-491-2290.

5-R. Pollination services for small scale farms. Call Hilltop Apiaries for information at 860-408-9039.

24-R. Seven foot International 3-point hitch cultivator. $300. 860-779-2107.

25. Seed garlic, large 2.5" bulbs - 6 cloves/bulb $15.00/2 lbs. 860-391-3466

#### Wanted

22-R. Orchard worker/manager needed. Experience worker preferred with equipment and orchard or farm experience. the right person could have a long-term opportunity. Please call 203-213-8833.

26. Any type of animal trap to trap woodchucks. Email cidermill5@yahoo.com or call 203-283-1459.

#### Job Openings

27-R. The State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture (DoAg), Bureau of Regulatory Services has one (1) available opening for a full time Administrative Assistant. Click here for more information.

**Interested in Advertising?** Click here for details on rates and submission.

### UPPLANING EVENTS
Celebrate Fall Harvest Season with Connecticut Grown

You’re invited to join New England Dairy’s ongoing series of on-farm interactive farm events. Each farm visit includes tours of dairy with farmers, up close animal interactions, and hands-on fun for the whole family.

Learn more and sign up for any of the free sessions below at:
www.newenglanddairy.org/2020-farm-events

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